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Memorandum

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Subject: PCB Sample Results - Rome Area Sampling

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On January 11, 1996, representatives from EPD were sampling soils in and low lying areas and near creeks and streams near the General Electric Company (GE) in Rome, Georgia. This sampling was performed to determine if the area surrounding the GE plant had been impacted by releases of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from the plant.

While all samples taken on and near GE's plant contained some PCB contamination, one sample taken to the southwest of GE's plant contained a level of PCBs exceeding the reportable quantity provided in HSRA. Total PCBs of 183 ppm was found in a soil sample taken from the SE corner of the property adjacent to (or part of) the office of Dr. Muller, DDS, just north of the railroad track in the culvert area (see attached map).

As this concentration of PCB in the soil constitutes a release pursuant to 391-3-19-.04(3)(b), I recommend that the property owner be informed of the existence of this data and be required to provide notification pursuant to 391-3-19-.04(4).

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